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Popular Scientific Libraries



Numpy



Pandas



Scipy



SymPy



Matplotlib

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Popular Python Neuroscience Libraries



Brian



PyNN



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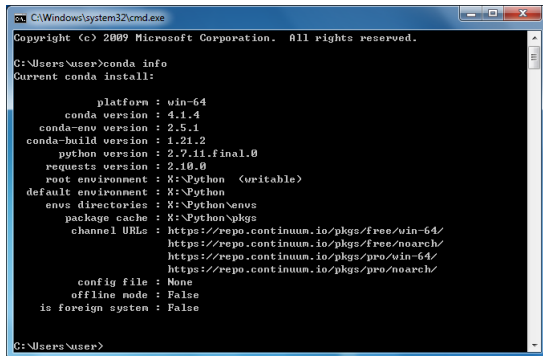
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```

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    conda-build version : 1.21.2
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    requests version : 2.10.0
    root environment : X:\Python <writable>
    default environment : X:\Python
    envs directories : X:\Python\envs
    package cache : X:\Python\pkgs
    channel URLs : https://repo.continuum.io/pkgs/free/win-64/
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C:\Users\user>
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Switch to lab computer if error!

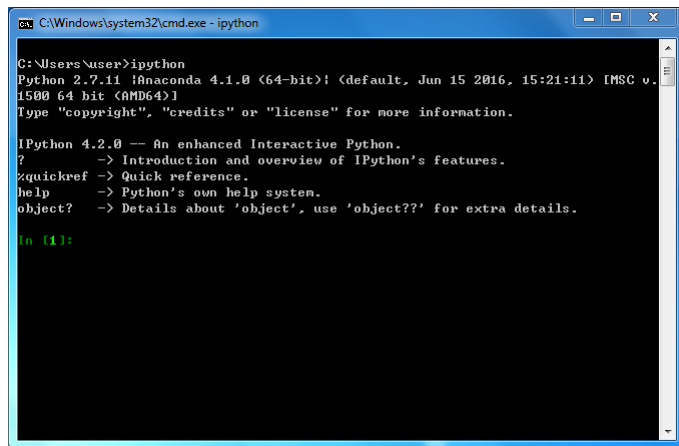
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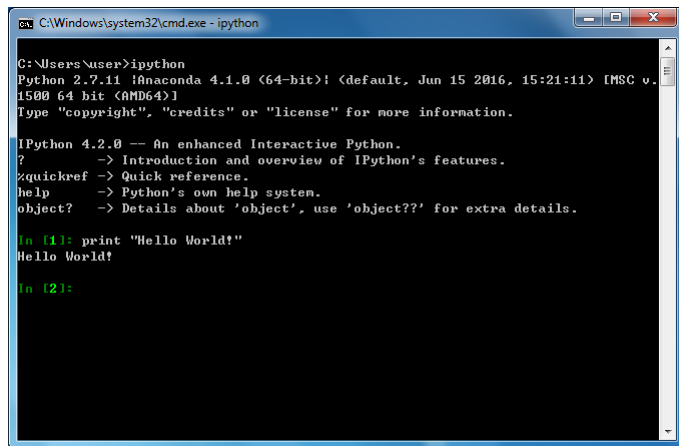
C:\Users\user>ipython
Python 2.7.11 |Anaconda 4.1.0 (64-bit)| (default, Jun 15 2016, 15:21:11) [MSC v.
1500 64 bit (AMD64)]
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.

IPython 4.2.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python.
?                -> Introduction and overview of IPython's features.
%quickref        -> Quick reference.
help             -> Python's own help system.
object?         -> Details about 'object', use 'object??' for extra details.

In [1]:
```

Hello World - IPython

Type `print "Hello World!"`

A screenshot of a Windows command prompt window titled "C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe - ipython". The window has a black background with white text. The text shows the user running the command 'ipython' at the prompt 'C:\Users\user>'. This launches Python 2.7.11 with Anaconda 4.1.0 (64-bit). The prompt changes to 'Python 2.7.11 [Anaconda 4.1.0 (64-bit)]>'. The user then enters 'IPython', which launches IPython 4.2.0. The prompt changes to 'In [1]:'. The user enters 'print "Hello World!"', and the output 'Hello World!' is displayed. The prompt then changes to 'In [2]:'.

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In [1]: print "Hello World!"
Hello World!

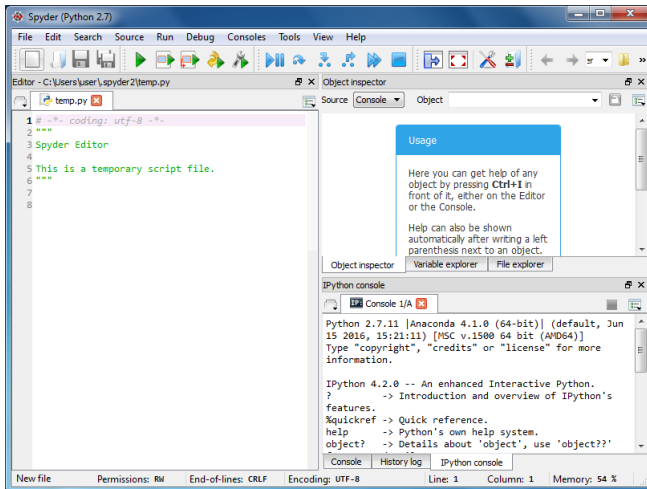
In [2]:
```


Hello World - Spyder

Start Spyder IDE by typing: `spyder`

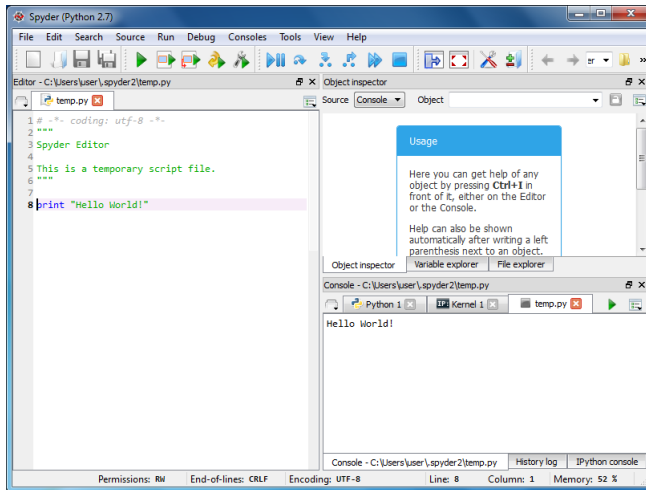
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Hello World - Spyder

Type `print "Hello World!"`



Hello World - Jupyter Notebook

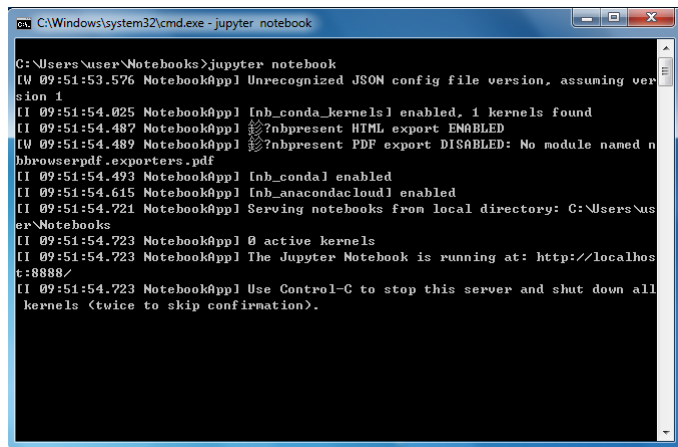
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jupyter notebook
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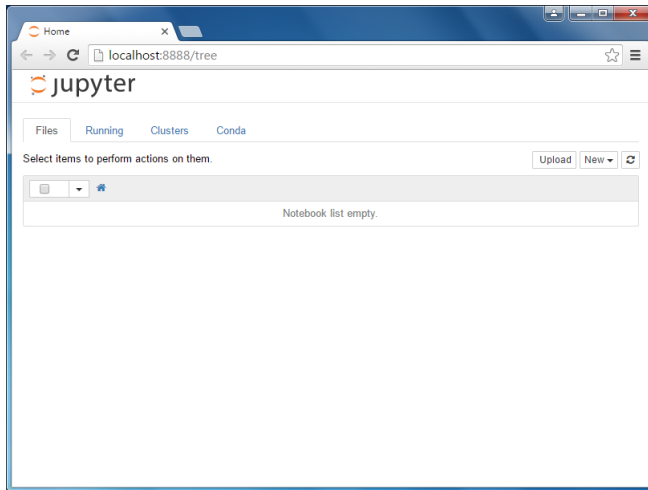


```
cmd. C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe - jupyter notebook

C:\Users\user\Notebooks>jupyter notebook
[W 09:51:53.576 NotebookApp] Unrecognized JSON config file version, assuming version 1
[I 09:51:54.025 NotebookApp] [nb_conda_kernels] enabled, 1 kernels found
[I 09:51:54.487 NotebookApp]  笔记本?nbpresent HTML export ENABLED
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[I 09:51:54.493 NotebookApp] [nb_conda] enabled
[I 09:51:54.615 NotebookApp] [nb_anacondacloud] enabled
[I 09:51:54.721 NotebookApp] Serving notebooks from local directory: C:\Users\user\Notebooks
[I 09:51:54.723 NotebookApp] 0 active kernels
[I 09:51:54.723 NotebookApp] The Jupyter Notebook is running at: http://localhost:8888/
[I 09:51:54.723 NotebookApp] Use Control-C to stop this server and shut down all kernels (twice to skip confirmation).
```

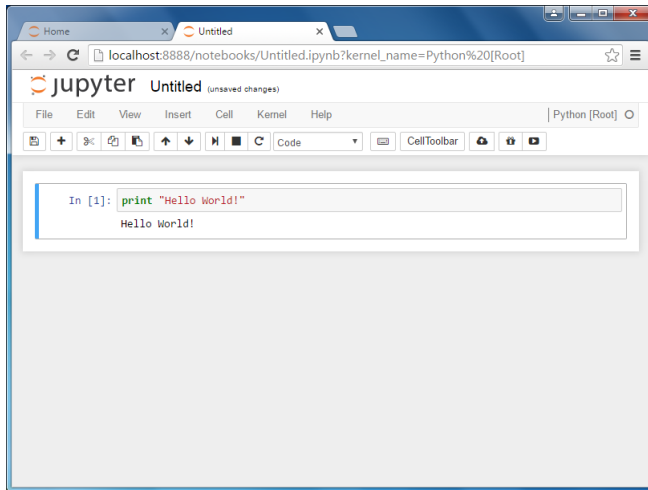
Hello World - Jupyter Notebook

New web browser window → New → Python



Hello World - Jupyter Notebook

Type `print "Hello World!"`



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Variables I

Variable Names

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Reserved names

import, **lambda**, **If**, **True**...

Standard Variable Types - Numbers

Integer (`int` and `long`)

```
a = 1
```

```
b = 314159265358979323846264338327950288
```

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Real and Complex (`float` and `complex`)

```
a = 1.0
```

```
b = 1e-9
```

```
c = 0.5 + 0.5j
```

Operations with Numbers

Power

5 ** 2

→

25

Operations with Numbers

Power ****** **5 ** 2** → 25

Multiplication ***** **2 * 3** → 6

Operations with Numbers

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Division	/	14 / 3	→	4
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Modulo	%	14 % 3	→	2
Addition	+	1 + 2	→	3
Subtraction	-	4 - 3	→	1

Implicit Casting

From `int` to `float`

```
print "14 * 3 = ", 14 * 3
```

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```
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```
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```
print "14 * 3.0 =", 14 * 3.0
```

```
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```

Variable Types - Strings

Strings (`str`)

```
a = 'Hello World!'
```

```
b = "Mixin' quotes"
```

```
print b
```

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Variable Types - Boolean

Boolean (bool)

```
c = True
```

```
print c
```

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```
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```
c = True
```

```
print c
```

```
True
```

Variable Assignment

Individual assignment

```
counter = 100
```

```
price = 1000.0
```

```
name = "John"
```

Variable Assignment

Individual assignment

```
counter = 100  
price = 1000.0  
name = "John"
```

Multiple assignment

```
counter, price, name = 100, 1000.0, "John"  
a1 = a2 = a3 = 1
```

Variable Assignment

Individual assignment

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Multiple assignment

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counter, price, name = 100, 1000.0, "John"  
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```

Assignment with operation (+ - * / % ** //)

```
price += 100
```


Standard Variable Types - Lists

```
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print mylist
```

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```
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```

Comments & Line Breaks

Comments

```
a = 1.0  
print a # this is a comment
```

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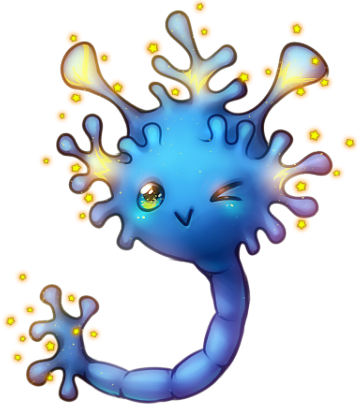
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a = 1.0  
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1.0
```

Line breaks

```
b = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 \  
    + 8 + 9 + 10
```

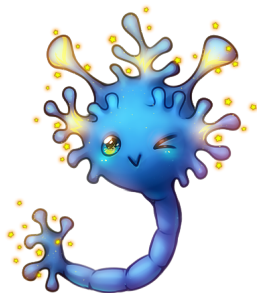
Basic Variables

Notebook



Coding Time!

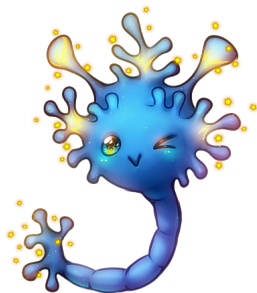
LIF Neuron Exercise



Objective

Implement LIF neuron

LIF Neuron Exercise

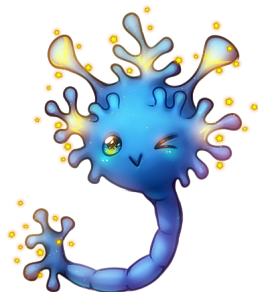


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Extract ensemble stats

LIF Neuron Exercise



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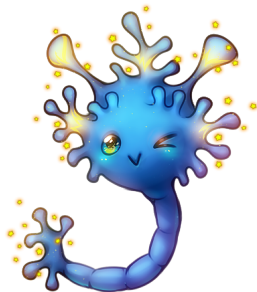
Extract ensemble stats

Produce nice graphs!!!

LIF Neuron Exercise

Strategy

No spikes first

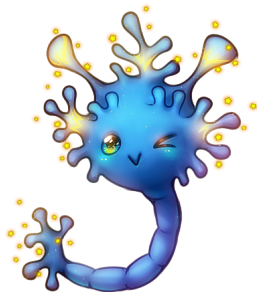


LIF Neuron Exercise

Strategy

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Implement ODE integration



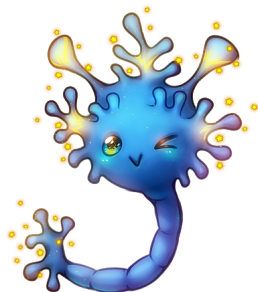
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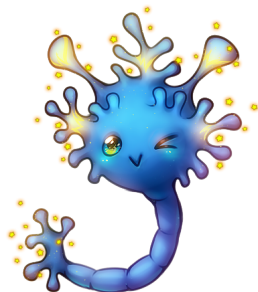
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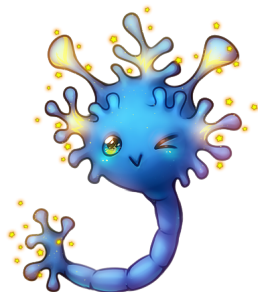
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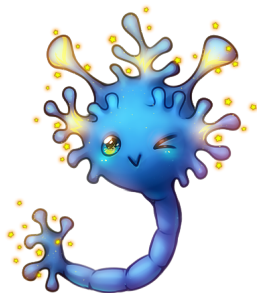
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Extend to ensemble stats

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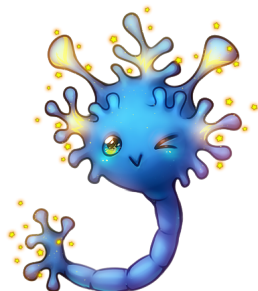
Introduce spikes





Coding Time!

Start IPython Notebook



Coding Time!

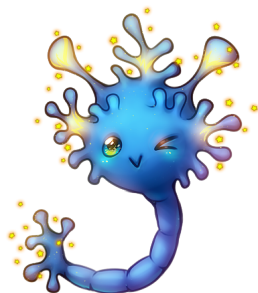
Start IPython Notebook

(Exercise 1)

Encode simulation parameters

LIF Neuron Exercise

Simulation parameters



```
t_max = 0.1           # second
dt = 1e-3             # second
tau = 20e-3           # second
el = -60e-3           # volt
vr = -70e-3           # volt
vth = -50e-3          # volt
i_mean = 25e-3         # ampere
```

Control Flow

Control Flow - Loops

While loop

```
t, t_max, dt = 0, 10, 1  
  
while t < t_max:  
    print t  
    t += dt  
  
print "Finished at value t = ", t
```


Control Flow - Loops

While loop

```
t, t_max, dt = 0, 10, 1  
while t < t_max:  
    print t  
    t += dt  
  
print "Finished at value t = ", t  
  
0  
:  
9  
Finished at value t = 10
```

Control Flow - Loops

For loop

```
for t in [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]:  
    print t  
  
print "Finished at value t = ", t
```

Control Flow - Loops

For loop

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for t in [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]:  
    print t
```

```
print "Finished at value t = ", t
```

0

:

9

```
Finished at value t = 9
```

Control Flow - Loops

For loop

```
t_max, dt = 10, 1  
  
for t in range(0, t_max, dt):  
    print t  
  
print "Finished at value t = ", t
```

Control Flow - Loops

For loop

```
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```

```
for t in range(0, t_max, dt):
```

```
    print t
```

```
print "Finished at value t = ", t
```

```
0
```

```
⋮
```

```
9
```

```
Finished at value t = 9
```

Indentation

Indentation = logical structure

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Same spacing = same logical block

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Same spacing = same logical block

Use 4 whitespaces (PEP 8)

<http://legacy.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0008/>

Indentation

```
for t in range(0, t_max, dt):  
    print t
```

Control Flow - Conditional

If statement

```
t_max = 10
```

```
if t_max >= 5:
```

```
    print "t_max is equal to or more than 5 s"
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Control Flow - Conditional

If-Else statements

```
t_max = 10  
  
if t_max < 5:  
    print "t_max is less than 5 s"  
else:  
    print "t_max is equal to or more than 5 s"
```

Control Flow - Conditional

If-Else statements

```
t_max = 10
```

```
if t_max < 5:
```

```
    print "t_max is less than 5 s"
```

```
else:
```

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    print "t_max is equal to or more than 5 s"
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Control Flow - Conditional

If-Elif-Else statements

```
t_max = 10

if t_max < 1:
    print "t_max is less than 1 s"
elif t_max <= 0.5:
    print "t_max is between 1 and 5 s"
else:
    print "t_max is more than 5 s"
```

Control Flow - Conditional

If-Elif-Else statements

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if t_max < 1:
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```

t_max is more than 5 s

Break & Continue

Break and Continue statements

```
t, t_max, dt = 0, 10, 1

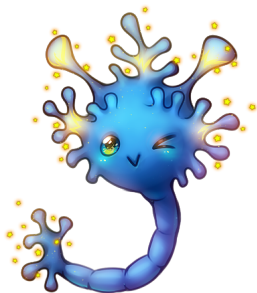
while t <= t_max:
    if t > 5:
        print "I'm done!"
        break
    elif t % 2 == 0:
        print t, "is even"
        t += dt
        continue
    t += dt

print "Finished at value t = ", t
```


Control Flow

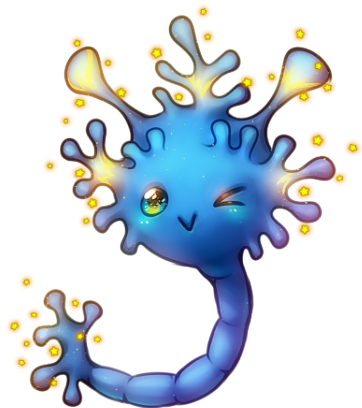
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Membrane equation

$$\tau_m \frac{d}{dt} V(t) = E_L - V(t) + RI(t)$$



Coding Time!

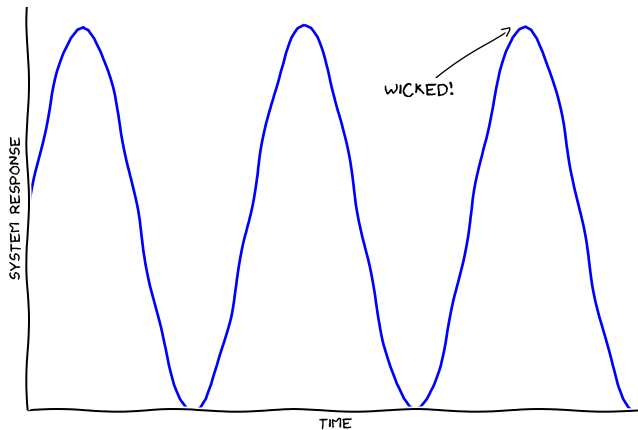
(Exercise 2)

Discrete time integration of $V(t)$

$$V(t + \Delta t) = V(t) + \Delta t(\dots)$$

Plotting

Showing Your Stuff



SOME OSCILLATORY SYSTEM



matplotlib

Simple Plot

Key function:

```
plot(x, y, 'r+', label='cross')
```

Simple Plot

Key function:

```
plot(x, y, 'r+', label='cross')
```

will plot a red cross at position (x, y) with label 'cross'

Simple Plot

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

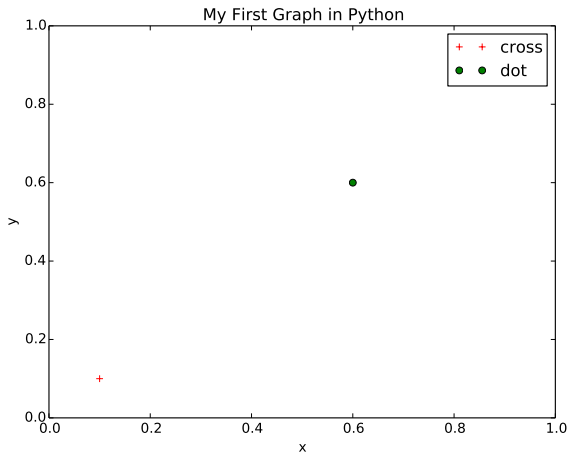
x1, y1, x2, y2 = 0.1, 0.1, 0.6, 0.6

plt.figure()
plt.plot(x1, y1, 'r+', label='cross')
plt.plot(x2, y2, 'go', label='dot')

plt.title('My First Graph in Python')
plt.xlabel('x')
plt.ylabel('y')
plt.legend()

plt.show()
```

Simple Plot



Plotting Lists

```
x = range(10)  
print x
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```
print x
```

```
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

Plotting Lists

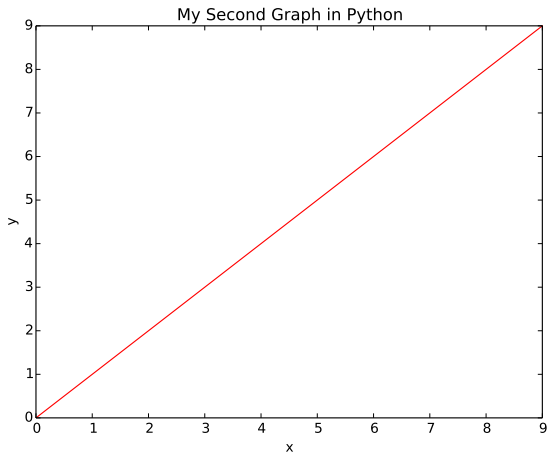
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```

```
print x
```

```
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

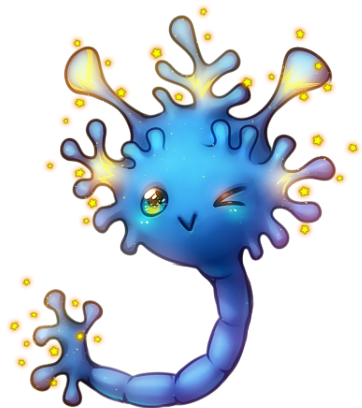
```
plot(x, x, 'ro')
```

Simple Plot II



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Coding Time!

(Exercise 3)

Plot $V(t)$ time course

(Exercise 4)

Stochastic input currents

Variables II

List Indexing

```
mylist = [100, 1000.0, "John", 0.5 + 0.5j]  
print mylist[0]
```

List Indexing

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```

100

List Indexing

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mylist = [100, 1000.0, "John", 0.5 + 0.5j]  
print mylist[0]
```

```
100
```

```
mylist = [100, 1000.0, "John", (0.5+0.5j), 10.0]  
del mylist[-1]  
print mylist
```

List Indexing

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print mylist[0]
```

```
100
```

```
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del mylist[-1]  
print mylist
```

```
[100, 1000.0, 'John', (0.5+0.5j)]
```

List Slicing

```
mylist = [100, 1000.0, "John", 0.5 + 0.5j]  
print mylist[1:3]
```

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mylist = [100, 1000.0, "John", 0.5 + 0.5j]  
print mylist[1:3]  
  
[1000.0, 'John']
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print mylist[1:3]
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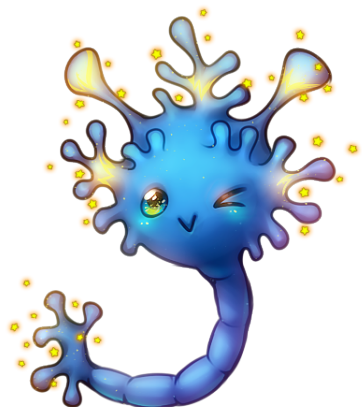
```
print mylist[1:]
```

```
[1000.0, 'John', 0.5 + 0.5j]
```

Working with Lists

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the sample standard variation

Coding Time!

(Exercise 5, 6, 7 and 8)

Ensemble statistics

Variables III

Standard Variable Types - Dictionary

```
mydict = {'qty': 100, 'person': "John"}  
print mydict
```

Standard Variable Types - Dictionary

```
mydict = {'qty': 100, 'person': "John"}
```

```
print mydict
```

```
{'person': 'John', 'qty': 100}
```

Standard Variable Types - Dictionary

```
mydict = {'qty': 100, 'person': "John"}
```

```
print mydict
```

```
{'person': 'John', 'qty': 100}
```

```
print mydict['person']
```

Standard Variable Types - Dictionary

```
mydict = {'qty': 100, 'person': "John"}
```

```
print mydict
```

```
{'person': 'John', 'qty': 100}
```

```
print mydict['person']
```

```
John
```


Standard Variable Types - Dictionary

```
mydict = {'qty': 100, 'person': "John"}  
print mydict.keys()
```

Standard Variable Types - Dictionary

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['person', 'qty']
```

Standard Variable Types - Dictionary

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```
print mydict.keys()
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```
['person', 'qty']
```

```
print mydict.values()
```

Standard Variable Types - Dictionary

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```

```
print mydict.keys()
```

```
['person', 'qty']
```

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print mydict.values()
```

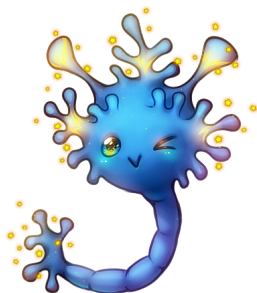
```
['John', 100]
```

Dictionaries

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Membrane equation
with reset condition



If $V(t) < V_{th}$

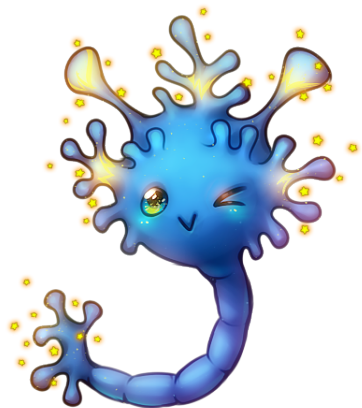
$$\tau_m \frac{d}{dt} V(t) = E_L - V(t) + RI(t)$$

Else

$$V(t) = V_r$$

record spike at time t

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Coding Time!

(Exercise 9)

Output spikes

(Exercise 10)

Refractory period

Integration step

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